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**REMARKS**


Reconsideration of the application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 18-25 are canceled. Claims 1, 3, 8, 9, 12, and 13 are amended. Accordingly, claims 1-17 are pending.

The Office Action states that claims 1, 8, and 12 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection(s) set forth in the Office Action. The Office Action also states that claims 2-7, 9, 10, 11, and 13-17 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objection(s) set forth in the Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1-17 are amended with the objection(s) in mind. It is believed that each of claims 1-17 is in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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